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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Avid Technology, Inc.

Serial No.: 10/803,330

Filed: March 17, 2004

Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
ELECTRONIC DATA CONVERSION

Examiner: Joshua D. Schneider

**RULE 131 DECLARATION OF SOENKE BRANDT**

The undersigned declarant, a co-inventor/co-applicant in the above identified application states:

1. I am Senior Hardware Engineer of Avid Development GmbH ("Avid Development"), a subsidiary of Avid Technology, Inc. ("Avid"). I am a co-inventor of the subject matter presently claimed in the above-identified patent application. I have been employed by Avid Development (which is a successor company to Pinnacle Systems GmbH) since September 2000. My duties at Avid Development include the design and development of hardware products. The matters set forth herein are based on my personal knowledge or reference to company records.
2. I have reviewed the above application and the amended claims before the Examiner and the outstanding PTO Office Action dated 06 September 2007, and the machine translation of Japanese Patent No. 2004015181 ("Shingo") used in

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rejecting the pending patent claims, and state the following regarding the invention of the present application in relation to prior art.

3. The present invention as described and claimed comprises a method for transferring data between a video application, executing in a computer system, and a digital video device.
4. I and my co-inventors conceived of and reduced the claimed invention to practice prior to 15 January 2004, the effective date of the Shingo reference.
5. Provided as Exhibits hereto are portions of copies of Pinnacle documents, all created prior to the effective date of the Shingo reference, that demonstrate our conception and reduction to practice of the presently claimed invention prior to the effective date of the Shingo reference. In particular:
  - Exhibit A comprises a portion of the first draft of a specification for the "Marvin" project which included the concept of the presently claimed invention;
  - Exhibit B comprises a portion of the specification for the intermediate packet ("command") format between a computer and a converter device;
  - Exhibit C comprises a portion of an engineering change order that released to manufacturing a first product containing the presently claimed inventive technology. This marks the completion of work on this project.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United State Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 6, 2008

By:

  
Soenke Brandt

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1. **Project:** **MARVIN**  
Project Manager : Rainer Miethling  
Product Manager : *tbd*

Revision History		
Version	Changed by/when	Change
0.1	SB 09- 	Initial version

### 1.1. Overview

MARVIN is the major building block for an external USB 2.0 device with analog audio and video as well as digital Firewire DV/microMV capabilities.

### 1.2. Keyfeature(s)

- ASIC in advanced, low-power 0.18µm process
- USB 2.0 high-speed Interface to PC (480 Mbit/s)
- uncompressed analog video and audio i/o
- IEEE1394-to-USB2-bridge for DV, Digital8, microMV devices
- Integrated analog components to drive down costs:
  - PHYs for USB2, IEEE1394
  - *analog video encoder (optional)*
  - *PLLs for audio, IEEE1394 clocks (optional)*

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**Marvin / Floyd**  
**USB transmission format**

DRAFT2  




Marvin / Floyd

Packet Format  
DRAFT2

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## Revision History

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## Abstract

This document describes the data structures and packet flow between host PC and Floyd in the so-called "discrete" (i.e. non-ASIC) implementation of Marvin.

Floyd is an integrated circuit holding custom logic. It adds some infrastructure (memory, mostly) for a PCI-based dataflow between Bender and NET2280 inside the external Marvin device.

This document does only describe the *mechanisms* for data exchange between Bender and the host in the discrete Marvin implementation. It does not describe the actual content and structure of this communication flow. For IEEE1394, please refer to the "1394 Open Host Controller Interface Specification" (Release 1.1, January 6, 2000) for further details. For AV data, further details are *tbd*.

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ECO Number: 0407101

## Type of Article

- ☒ Hardware  
☐ Software  
☐ Documentation  
☐ Package  
☐ Sales Article  
☐ Marketing

## Kind of ECO

- ☐ Pilot-Run  
☐ Mass-Production  
☒ Release  
☐ Document Maintenance  
☐ End of Life

## ECR Classification

- ☐ Emergency  
☒ Regular  
☐ Temporary

## ECO valid for

- ☐ Plant 2500  
☒ Plant 3000  
☐ Plant 3020

## Status

- ☐ Approved  
☐ Rejected

## Status valid for Munich ( Plant 2500 )

## Group

## Name

required for  
Approval

## Approved

Hardware Develop.  
 QAE  
 Product Manager

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Originator: Frank Peeters

Request Date: ~~03/08/2008~~Signed by: ~~John Hamilton~~

Release Date: CCT

## Actions

- ☐ Update of BOM  
☐ Running Change  
☐ New Production  
☐ Work in Process (WIP)  
☐ Update of Sales Stock  
☐ Update of RfS Stock  
☐ Update of Products in Field  
☐ Obsolete SKU

## Valid for

- ☐ Pinnacle US  
☐ Pinnacle EU  
☐ Pinnacle FE  
☐ Pinnacle Japan  
☒ Board-Production  
☐ Kitting  
☐ Service  
☐ Internal only

## Disposition of old parts:

- ☐ Scrap  
☐ Rework  
☐ Use as Is  
☐ Other (refer Description)

## Cost

## Product-Hierarchy

- ☒ 30...Home Video  
☐ 25...Adva. Video  
☐ 22...Fast Divisor  
☐ 40...Cons. Audio  
☐ 31...Dazzle  
☐ other

Part-Number	Description	New Revision
203560750	Board Moviebox USB2 Deluxe Marvin V1.2	01
51016552	PCB Marvin V1.2 4L (panel 2pcs) *	
51015559	FPGA EP1C3 1.5/3.3V Speed=8 TQFP144 @	

Reason of Change / Release Note

Release

Description of Change

Release for mass production